

**ASTOR** William Waldorf  
and His Noble Lineage.

## JOURNAL EXPLODES ASTOR'S NOBLE CLAIMS

Duke de Maqueda Holds the Title Marquis of Astorga, and Never Heard of William Waldorf's Pretensions.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—W. W. Astor's claim to be a representative of an ancient Spanish family with the right to the title of Marquis de Astorga already has been challenged by experts who criticized his article in the Pall Mall Magazine.

The Journal referred the matter to its Madrid correspondent, who now cables a letter exploding the Astor pretensions. He says:

"The Duke de Maqueda writes me he now holds the title Marquis de Astorga. It was granted in 1465 by Henry IV., of Castile, to the lineal ancestor of the present Marquis—Don Alvaro Osorio. 'Astorga' is a common name in Spain."

"The Duke de Maqueda knows nothing about Astor's pretensions to be descended from somebody called Astorga, and will say nothing about them."

The Journal found members of the Carlton and Marlborough clubs unwilling to talk about Astor's naturalization. They were not much interested or inclined to lend their names to a personal criticism of a fellow member.

In the Parliamentary lobbies it excited a degree more of attention as preliminary to a bid for political life. It is understood Astor will be a candidate in the Conservative interest for a metropolitan seat at the next general election.

That Astor will be made a peer at once is

extremely unlikely. As a member of the Carlton Club he contributes to the election fund of the party. In this way he can covertly purchase a peerage.

Since the purchase of Cliveden he has had his mind steadily directed to British naturalization. Indeed, the purchase of Cliveden was the initial step in this movement.

Though possessing the mansion, Carlton House Terrace, in addition to his riparian palace above the Henley, Astor lives in very simple style, and occasionally bursts into a grand party, which, however, is given for the sake of his children. He never goes to the Pall Mall Gazette office, though the proprietor of that Journal and the magazine of the same name, but he may be seen regularly at his princely office. Burns, M. P., calls it his golden den.

On the Thames embankment, where his estates are managed, Astor is known to have thoughts of entrance into the highest families by marriage.

The recent report that he was engaged to Lady Randolph Churchill is regarded in the Churchill family circle and among their intimates as not impossible, but no efforts can induce from either Lady Churchill or Astor a confirmation or denial.

Lady Churchill is a most frequent visitor at Cliveden and has frequently acted as hostess at his entertainments, or assisted Miss Astor in receiving, and they are constantly seen together at great social functions.

## THE VANDERBILTS ARE GOING TO LONDON.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt, Mrs. Vanderbilt's niece, Marie Post, who are now cruising in the Mediterranean, aboard Vanderbilt's yacht Conqueror, will come to London before returning home in the autumn, and will stay a fortnight at Cliveden.

It is unfortunate Miss Post could not have accompanied the Vanderbilts to London while the social season was on, for she is

a very pretty girl and one of the belles of New York. She is a favorite niece of Mrs. Vanderbilt, and a great deal in her society. In that respect taking the place of her elder sister, who was married two years ago.

Among the latest arrivals of people of importance from the States are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bancroft Davis, of Washington and New York.

Admiral Erben, after spending several weeks in London, has gone to Scotland for a fortnight, accompanied by Mrs. Erben.

## COUNT BONI DE CASTELLANE IS A DAINTY DRESSER.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—Count and Countess Boni de Castellane and their party on board the steam yacht Valhalla have certainly been the social success of the week. Their triumph culminated in the dinner they gave on the vessel Thursday to the Prince of Wales. Everything connected with the yacht and the French people aboard were the smartest possible.

The Countess de Castellane and the French women accompanying her completely eclipsed the English women. They were perfectly dressed on every occasion, while the majority of the English beauties appeared in most inappropriate, flashy costumes. The arrival of the Valhalla's gig at the Royal Yacht Squadron landing stage

was always the event of the afternoons to the onlookers. It is a six-oared gig, and the sailors wear the ordinary French sailor's costume—little round white caps with red tassels, white jumpers over blue and white striped jerseys and white duck trousers.

The Count's appearance excites almost as great interest as the women's. He wears, generally, a white linen yachting suit, and his hair is always so beautifully arranged that it is said his hair dresser "undulates" it daily. He wears the daintiest white shoes, and carries a walking stick with a massive gold handle.

The guests on board the Valhalla included Lord Valentia, Mrs. George Keppel, and nearly all the smart French people at the Royal Yacht Squadron landing stage.

## NO CONGRATULATIONS YET FROM US TO PAUNCEFOTE.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—Lord Pauncefoot, the British Ambassador to the United States, continues to receive numerous congratulations on his elevation to the peerage, but, singularly, none has yet arrived from America. The Ambassador said:

"Naturally, I am averse to trumpeting my work at the Conference. Little can be said that the world does not know already. But I can express my solid conviction that a tangible commencement has been made in new methods of international dealing, especially in the settlement of the grave issues which are bound to arise at times between nations."

"It would manifestly be out of place for me to discuss the Alaskan question. I am

not sure I am thoroughly conversant with the later developments. But the good sense, tact and wisdom of the diplomatists on both sides are sufficient guarantee of a final, honorable settlement."

"I am afraid excessive praise has been rendered me for the good understanding which exists between the two countries, but it is assuredly flattering, and it would be affection on my part to appear to ignore the happy change which has come about recently, and which none is in a better position to recognize than the Ambassadors."

"Owing to the prostration I shall be unable to take my seat during the present sessions of Parliament, but I will go to Windsor to 'kiss hands' in the ordinary course."

## NAVAL SCOUTS TO RELY ON MARCONI TELEGRAPH.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—So far as popular interest is concerned, the great naval manoeuvres have ended in disappointment, as there was no fighting, the rival fleets falling over to sight each other.

The naval authorities, however, are delighted at the success with which the British fleet found and conveyed safely to Halifax the flotilla of food supply ships on Halifax. The manoeuvres were carried out under conditions which might be expected to prevail in the event of war with France.

The latter planned her faith to torpedo boats, while Great Britain steadily increased the number of her torpedo-boat de-

stroyers, and although dark and misty nights were favorable to the torpedo boats, they seem to have completely failed, while the destroyers fully sustained the hopes of their advocates on the few occasions when they came in contact with the torpedo boats.

The manoeuvres seem to have placed beyond question the value of the Marconi telegraph. Admiral Domville relied upon it for much useful information which could not be otherwise obtained and successfully transmitted information over distances from twenty to thirty miles, neither fog nor darkness apparently interfering with the transmission of messages. The experts are satisfied that wireless telegraphy adds indefinitely to the value of scouting.

## REED STARTS FOR HOME, DRIVEN BY LONDON HEAT.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—Thomas B. Reed, with Mrs. Reed and Miss Reed, sailed for Southampton to-day on the St. Paul, this time having been shortened, so that he has not felt very well recently.

The excessive heat that is being experienced in England at this time has helped to induce him to curtail the long holiday he had intended to take.

He paid a visit to the House of Lords the other evening, and commented on the remarkable activity of that body during the last session.

The Yachting Party  
Going to London.

**GREAT BRITAIN**

**CASTELLANE**

The Show People  
at the Yacht Races. **JEFFRIES** Offers to Meet All  
Comers in England.

## SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S STEAM YACHT ERIN IS A VERITABLE FLOATING PALACE.



The Protector of the Cup Challenger.  
Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin is crossing the ocean with Shamrock, ready to help her out of trouble, and, if necessary, to tow her out of calms.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—The steam yacht Erin, belonging to Sir Thomas Lipton, which is conveying the Shamrock across the Atlantic Ocean, will make a fine showing, even among New York's floating steam palaces.

To Americans she has added interest, because of the fact that, before the outbreak of our war with Spain, agents of the United States Government in Europe inspected her, with a view to purchasing her. It was proposed to convert her into a torpedo boat destroyer.

It was reported at one time that the purchase was closed, but for some reason it fell through.

The Erin was then the Aegaea. She was built for Count Ignazio Florio, a member of the family interested in the Florio-Rubattino, the big Italian steamship line. It was this company that negotiated for the sale of the Aegaea to our Government.

Will Be a Floating Hotel.

On the Erin Sir Thomas Lipton will make his home while in New York. He will entertain most lavishly. Many of his guests, among whom will be men of title and wealth, will use the Erin as a floating

hotel. She is not bringing the guests over. They and their host, the Shamrock's owner, will traverse the ocean on a transatlantic steamer.

Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht was built by Messrs. Scott & Co., of Greenock, Scotland, eighteen months ago.

Description of the Erin.  
She was constructed for Commodore Florio from their own designs. The statistics about the vessel are as follows:

Length on the load water line, 252 feet; between perpendiculars, 244.7 feet; breadth, 31.65 feet, with a moulded depth of 18.5 feet.

Her net and gross tonnage are respectively 676 and 994 tons.

She was built to meet Lloyd's highest requirements and is subdivided by four water-tight bulkheads.

A set of triple expansion engines indicating 2,500 horse power drive her at the rate of sixteen knots an hour. The sizes of the cylinders are 24 and 29 inches in diameter, with a piston stroke of 39 inches. Her steam pressure at full speed is 150 pounds, and she has two boilers and eight funnels. She cost Sir Thomas \$753,000.

Before leaving the other side a good deal of money was spent on the Erin, both for

On It He Will Entertain  
Men of Title and  
Wealth This Fall.

STANCHEST OF CRAFT.

When Armed It Makes a First-  
Class Torpedo Boat De-  
stroyer.

Conveying the Shamrock.

The Erin is not coming over the seas at sixteen knots an hour. She has to keep pace with the Shamrock, which will not make much more than half that speed. In

head calms the Erin has the permission of the New York Yacht Club to tow the cup challenger, which under ordinary conditions would have been expected to come here under her own sail power.

Furnishings and provender. There will be very little chance of a most calling for anything and learning that it is "all gone" or that "We're just out of that, sir."

The cook, it is said, is a wonder, and all the stewards, valets and sailors are the best that money could employ. They will be rigged up in new uniforms, and their employer believes they will be much handsomer than any sailors we can show here.

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Must Swear He'll Never Do So, but He Has Not Yet Accepted.

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He made no reply.

Lawton Shares His Honors with the Navy.

The Gallant General Thanks the Men of Helena and Monadnock for Their Aid.

Washington, Aug. 5.—General Lawton, in a letter that reached the Navy Department to-day, handsomely acknowledges the aid given him by the navy in the fight in Cavite province on June 13 and 14 last.

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"His voluntary act," said General Lawton, "entitles the officers and men so engaged to share with my troops in the thanks expressed in the enclosed copy of a telegram from His Excellency the President of the United States. I, therefore, take the liberty of transmitting this message to you as properly pertaining to the records of the naval forces at this station."

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Quarantine Against Us at the Azores.

Ponta Delgada, Azore Islands, Aug. 5.—Vessels from the United States will not be admitted to the Azore Islands. They can only receive provisions under a rigorous quarantine.

Kidney and Bladder Trouble Promptly Cured.

A Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the wonderful new discovery in medical science, fulfills every wish in promptly curing kidney, bladder and uric acid troubles, rheumatism and pain in the back. It corrects inability to hold water and sending pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

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## LONDON AUDIENCE CHEERS JEFFRIES.

World's Champion Makes His First Public Appearance in England—He Tells the Journal He Will Return in a Month to Meet Sharkey.

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**LONDON,**

Aug. 5.—"Jim" Jeffries has made the acquaintance of an English audience. He started his engagement at the Royal Aquarium in Westminster last night by giving four exhibition rounds with Donkhurst, the clever American heavyweight.

He left the stage amid the cheering of a large crowd.

Afterward, when interviewed by the Journal, he said:

"I feel very much out of form. I arrived only yesterday, and don't seem to have got rid of the stiffness contracted on the voyage. The heat, too, is intense, but I will be all right in a few days."

"It is my intention to remain in Europe about a month. My manager has secured several profitable engagements for me in London, Paris, Liverpool and Dublin. I am very anxious to make a match in England, but from the little I have already heard, no one seems inclined to stand up against me."

"Preference? I have none. There was some rumor of Charley Mitchell taking me on, but that I think has fallen through. However, if any one cares to fight me, I'll be ready for him within a fortnight. I would require a couple of weeks to get into my fighting stride."

"I was hoping Jim Smith would be one of my sparring partners on the occasion of my visit here. I understand now that that

is out of the question, as he has not been training for some time.

"Beyond the exhibitions I am engaged to give, and provided none of the English champions care to take me on, I intend to devote my time to sightseeing. This is my first visit to the mother country."

"My first impressions of this metropolis were that it was just a busy hive. You are cramped for room, but what you have you make full use of."

"I have done a few of the sights already, been through Hyde Park and Rotten Row."

"No, I haven't been introduced to any members of society yet, nor have I any great anxiety to be. The sporting men I have seen seemed all thorough gentlemen. I am only sorry my time among them is so short."

"But I must get back to America some time before my match with Sharkey, on November 1. Arrangements have been completed for the match by my manager, Mr. Brady, with the exception of the bids."

"I don't care to offer any opinion on the great match. I know that if I don't go there it shall lose? I mean to be as fit as condition as careful training will accomplish. I am going to fight to win. If I don't win then Sharkey will see I have no hesitation in acknowledging the better man and will be entitled to be called the world's champion."

After he had given the exhibition rounds at the Aquarium he was presented to leading members of the National Sporting Club.

## FILIPINOS DICKERING FOR A PRIVATE ISLAND.

When Defeated, Aguinaldo and Other Leaders May Settle on Leased British Territory.

London, Aug. 5.—Information comes from the British North Borneo Company that it has received a request from the Philippines asking the company to lease or sell to the Filipinos Rungay Island, just south of Palawan Island. It is only sparsely inhabited by natives.

The Filipinos engineering the deal say that in case of their defeat Aguinaldo and other leaders, with a large section of the Filipinos, may settle at Rungay, under British protection and the company's rule.

The board is now considering the question, and it is understood the company is not averse to leasing the island on very favorable terms being offered.

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## NO RAIN IN INDIA; A FAMINE IS FEARED.

The Bombay Government Preparing for It—Natives Think Curzon's Luck Is Failing.

London, Aug. 5.—The condition of India continues serious. Except in Bengal, practically no rain has fallen in Western or Southern India for nearly forty days.

The Bombay Government is already considering means to cope with the famine, which will be severe unless rain soon comes. A famine would seriously interfere with the currency reforms.

The natives say the luck of the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, is failing.

## BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY A DISPATCH BOAT.

Collision Occurs in the Channel During a Fog, but No Lives Are Lost.

London, Aug. 5.—The British dispatch boat Surprise sank the British steamer Netley Abbey, which arrived at Bristol on July 25 from Kermel, in a fog in the Channel yesterday evening.

No lives were lost. The bows of the Surprise were stove in.

Six Killed in a Quarry.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—An explosion occurred in a quarry at Ciney, Province of Namur, to-day, killing six men and injuring five others.

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